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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MZ

SUBJ: COREMO VS. FRELIMO

REF: STATE 109696 (NOTAL)

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, WE ARE FORWARDING BY SEPTTEL ADDITIONAL
FRELIMO VIEWS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL.

2. WE ALSO WANT TO COMMENT, HOWEVER, ON IMPORTANCE OF COREMO
IN MOZAMBIQUE SITUATION WHICH IS ALLUDED TO IN REFTEL. COREMO
IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY OAU NOR IS IT PRESENT IN TANZANIA. OUR
INFORMATION ON THIS ORGANIZATION IS NECESSARILY COLORED BY STRONG
FRELIMO INFLUENCE IN TANZANIA
AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE OFFICIALS, WHO ARE BIASED ADMITEDLY
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IN FAVOR OF FRELIMO, BELIEVE COREMO IS LAUGHABLE GROUP. OTHERS,

WHO HAVE NO PARTICULAR AXE TO GRIND, HOWEVER, ALSO SAY THAT COREMO CAN NOT HOLD A CANDLE TO FRELIMO IN TERMS OF ORGANIZATION, SUPPORT, OR EFFECTIVENESS. IN SUM ALL OF OUR CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LIBERATION GROUPS GENERALLY CONSIDER COREMO TO BE INEFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION WITH MINIMUM OF SUPPORT INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE. WE TEND TO AGREE WITH THESE LOCAL EXPERTS THAT COREMO IS INEFFECTIVE, THOUGH WE PREPARED TO HEED COMMENTS TO CONTRARY FROM EMBASSY LUSAKA OR CONGEN LOURENCO MARQUES. THE POINT WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, IS THAT FRELIMO IS VIABLE, THRIVING, AND SERIOUS ORGANIZATION. TO FAIL TO APPRECIATE THAT REALITY, WE SUGGEST, IS TO INVITE MISCALCULATION ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. BEYER

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